

HARATA et al
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REMARKS

By this amendment, the claims have been amended to consistently refer to through holes and to amend claims 13 and 15 for clarity. Each independent claim has also been amended to refer to a "first" plurality of holes, since the claims thereafter refer to particulars of that particular plurality of holes and not necessarily all holes defined through the plate.

An early and favorable Action on the merits is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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